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In the Notice of Allowance mailed December 3, 2005, the Examiner has set forth Reasons for Allowance. These Reasons for Allowance are respectfully traversed. Specifically, it is submitted that claims 1-12 and 30- 40 are not allowed for the Reasons given in the Notice of Allowance, but rather for the respective combinations of claim limitations as set forth in the allowed claims, without any particular criticality being attributable to any limitation or limitations in particular.

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